

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 and 9-15 are pending in the present application.

At the outset, Applicants wish to thank Examiner Kim for the indication that Claim 1-5 and 9 are allowed (paper number 8, page 3, numbered paragraph 7). Reconsideration is requested in view of the following remarks and the amendment set forth above.

The rejections of Claims 6-8 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, and under 35 U.S.C. §101 are obviated by amendment.

Applicants have deleted Claims 6-8 and, as such, these grounds of rejection are moot.

Applicants have represented Claims 6-8 as new Claims 12-15 based on the disclosure in Example 2 beginning on page 14, line 31 of the present specification.

Applicants request withdrawal of these grounds of rejection.

The objections to the drawings are believed to be obviated by submission of corrected drawings herewith. An indication to this affect is requested in the next action on the merits.

Applicants submit that the present application is now in condition for allowance.

Early notification of such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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